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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

BETZ ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/520,569

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FOR: LIQUID FORMULATIONS WITH HIGH CONCENTRATION OF

HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE (HGH) COMPRISING PHENOL

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Notification of Missing Requirements of June 29, 2005 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on August 29, 2005. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: November 29, 2005

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